

1-12. (CANCELED).

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10) comprising lift truck body (12), a lift mechanism (14) connected to the lift truck body (12) by means of a vertically extending pivot (52) and means (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14) relative to the lift truck body (12) about said pivot (52) to steer the ~~[[fork]]~~ lift truck (10), the lift truck body (12) having a pair of ~~undrivable~~ rear ground engaging wheels (16) mounted on transverse axes, without any drive means being provided for driving the rear wheels (16), and the lifting mechanism (14) only having a single ground engaging front wheel (40) mounted centrally on a transverse axis,

wherein a sole drive means (~~[[44]] 40, 46~~) ~~drives the fork lift truck (10) and is only~~ is drivingly connected to the front wheel (40) only for driving the lift truck (10).

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the lift mechanism (14) is pivoted to the lift truck body (12) at a steering angle of substantially 90° or more.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the front wheel (40) is positioned forwardly of the pivot connection (52) between the lift truck body (12) and the lifting mechanism (14).

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the front wheel (40) is positioned as far forward as possible towards a load bearing part (36) of the lifting mechanism (14).

17-19. (CANCELED)

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13, wherein the single ground engaging front wheel (40) is driven by one of an hydraulic and an electric motor (44).

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 20, wherein the motor (44) is connected to the front wheel (40) by a gearbox (46).

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the motor (44) and the gearbox (46) is built partially into a hub of the front wheel (40).

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 20,

wherein the power for the motor (44 ) is provided by one of an engine (80) driven generator, a hydraulic pump (76,78), and a battery pack (64).

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 23, wherein the engine (80) is an internal combustion engine powered by fuel gas.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10)only having [[only]] a single drive means (44, 46) and three ground engaging wheels, the fork lift truck comprising a lift truck body (12) and a lift mechanism (14) connected to the lift truck body (12) by a vertically extending pivot (52), the lift truck body (12) having steering controls (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14), relative to the lift truck body (12), about the pivot (52), and steering the fork lift truck (10) during operation of the fork lift truck (10), the lift truck body (12) only having [[only]] a pair of ~~undrivable~~ nondriven rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the lifting mechanism (14) only having [[only]] a single front ground engaging wheel (40), the vertically extending pivot (52) being located between the pair of rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the single front ground engaging wheel (40) and ~~a sole~~ the single drive means (44, 46) drives the fork lift truck (10) and the single drive means (44, 46) is only drivingly connected to the front wheel (40) while both of the rear wheels being nondriven.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10)only having [[only]] a single drive (44, 46) and three ground engaging wheels, the fork lift truck comprising a lift truck body (12) and a lift mechanism (14), an arm (50) extends from the lift truck body (12) and has a remote end coupled to a vertically extending pivot assembly (52), the lift truck body (12) having steering controls (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14), relative to the lift truck body (12), about the pivot assembly (52), and steering the fork lift truck (10) during operation of the fork lift truck (10), the lift truck body (12) only having [[only]] a pair of nondriven rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the lifting mechanism (14) only having [[only]] a single front ground engaging wheel (40), the vertically extending pivot assembly (52) couples the remote end of the arm (50) and the lift mechanism (14) and holds the front ground engaging wheel (40), and only the single front ground engaging wheel (40) being driven by [[a]] the single drive (44, 46) for maneuvering the lift truck (10) while both of the rear wheels always being nondriven.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 26, wherein the fork lift truck (10) is only driven by the drive (44, 46), which is only connectable with the single front ground engaging wheel (40), such that only the single front ground engaging wheel (40) drives the fork lift truck (10).